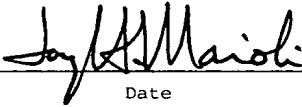


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Sir:

In response to the Notification of Missing Parts of Application-Filing Date Granted mailed November 29, 2000, Applicants hereby submit a newly executed Declaration that identifies the above application by serial number and filing date.

The required surcharge is also submitted herewith along with a copy of the subject Notice.

Accordingly, it is respectfully submitted that all elements of the application have now been filed and an early and favorable examination on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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